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## Nando's makes The Scene

### Exclusive

The first big name restaurant is revealed for The Scene in Walthamstow, complementing the new cinema that is shooting up fast!

**Waltham Forest News can exclusively announce that a new 4,000 foot Nando's restaurant is coming to The Scene at Cleveland Place in Walthamstow.**

The new complex, currently under construction on the former Arcade site, will see a cinema return to the borough for the first time in a decade. As well as the picture house, the development will also boast housing and a number of retail and leisure outlets – not least home of the legendary flame-grilled Peri-Peri chicken, Nando's.

"This is fantastic news for Waltham Forest," said Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council. "Walthamstow is set to be a real focal point for residents looking to have a great night out."

The Scene at Cleveland Place is due to open in winter 2014, with a state of the art nine-screen 1,200

seat Empire Cinema at its heart. Other retailers and restaurants are expected to be announced in the coming months. The development will also see 121 new private and affordable homes for Waltham Forest.

"We've invested heavily in our high streets," explained Chris. "But more than that, we have worked closely with developers and businesses to bring the right sort of investment and development into the borough."

"What's important to residents is that we create a night time economy that everyone can enjoy and benefit from. The Scene will be a great place for families to enjoy together."

"Walthamstow Town Centre has been crying out for just this sort of regeneration project for years and I'm pleased we have been able to help deliver it."



Progress on the development of The Scene at Cleveland Place is transforming Walthamstow Town Centre

The Council has worked closely with developers Hill Residential, whose Sales Director, Tony Woodman, said: "We anticipate the other commercial units available to be leased quickly following the inclusion of Nando's to create a vibrant town centre retail mix."

Commenting on the deal, Peter Gibson, Acquisitions Manager at

Nando's, said: "We are delighted to have secured our chosen unit at The Scene. There's clearly a huge

demand and we can't wait to open our doors to the public."

### More info

The Council's 'Creating a better place to live' campaign is committed to improving the borough's streets, and attracting better shops and leisure facilities. Full details of the scope of the campaign are available on the Council's website at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace)



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# Storm damage update



Waltham Forest's tree contractors worked from 5am to 9pm to clear fallen trees

**The strong winds brought to Waltham Forest by Storm St Jude on Monday 28 October caused damage across the borough, with Francis Road in Leyton fairing the worst due to fallen scaffolding.**

Leader of the Council, Chris Robbins, was on the scene at Francis Road at 8.30am on the day to assess the damage and lend support to those affected. Chris said: "Unfortunately some

cars and walls were damaged, but thankfully nobody was hurt, which is obviously the most important thing.

"It was pleasing to see how much support and patience was evident

■ **Over 300 trees in Waltham Forest were felled or damaged by Storm St Jude**

■ **But disruption was kept to a minimum thanks to a quick response**

among local people as they mucked in to help each other out. We had several workers clearing Francis Road and it opened again later that day."

Elsewhere, disruption was kept to a minimum thanks to quick action by the Council's environment team and tree contractors, who were out and about from 5am to 9pm responding to residents' reports of fallen and damaged trees.

There were reports of people stuck in their homes in Clacton and Belgrave Roads in Walthamstow after fallen trees blocked their doors. Council officers treated these as priorities and no one was hurt in either instance.

The Council received over 300 calls from residents reporting fallen or dangerous trees and more than 22 tonnes of trees were recycled in the week following the storm. Refuse collections largely kept to schedule and no other Council services were severely impacted.

## More info

In the event of bad weather the best place to check for reliable news and information is the Met Office website. Visit [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk). Free internet access is available at all libraries.

## In my opinion



**Helen Dewdney**

Resident, Chingford

**I firmly believe that everyone should assert their legal rights and never accept poor service or goods that are not satisfactory. Goods also have to be fit for purpose and as described. If they aren't, then I complain. If you don't, you should!**

I run a website about how to complain effectively, and am known as The Complaining Cow. This does not mean I moan about things. Far from it; I do something effective.

If you've ever bought something that was faulty and tried to get your

money back and had to accept a repair, walked away from a bad meal because you didn't want to cause a scene, bought an item that was broken and couldn't be bothered to take it back or bought it online and didn't know that you could send it back, then I can help. You do not need to accept this and the law is on your side to gain redress.

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2000 and The Misrepresentation Act 1967.

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process shows you mean business and will do it!

If you have a complaint about a product or service write to the company. Be courteous. Tempting as it may be to be rude and sarcastic, don't be – you won't be taken seriously. Bullet point the issues, don't waffle, be objective and make sure you give a deadline

for when you expect the matter to be resolved by and what you will do if not satisfied. This could be the Small Claims Court, Watchdog, social media and review sites.

For more tips and advice visit my website [www.thecomplainingcow.co.uk](http://www.thecomplainingcow.co.uk) or my Facebook page [thecomplainingcow](https://www.facebook.com/thecomplainingcow) or Twitter [@complainingcow](https://twitter.com/complainingcow)

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**If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: [walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk) and tell us what you'd like to write about.**

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# Beware of rogue traders

**Residents are being warned to be alert for potential conmen by Waltham Forest Council's Trading Standards service following reports of rogue traders operating in the borough.**

It is believed that two gangs have been posing as workmen and have charged several residents thousands of pounds for unnecessary gardening and roofing work.

The gangs have been cold calling and making claims they are working on a nearby house and have noticed a problem with the resident's property. The groups are thought to have specifically targeted elderly and vulnerable residents within the local area.

However, all residents should be alert to the issue.

The Council wants all residents to be aware of these gangs and to make sure that people know their rights and are not tricked into signing contracts to have work done by rogue traders. We also want all residents to be armed with the right information if these traders do knock on their door.

All traders who operate by cold calling must comply with Trading Standards legislation. They must give householders seven days to change their mind and cancel any contract and return any monies paid if costs are more than £35. If work is carried out any invoices issued must give full details of the trader's telephone number and

an address where they can be contacted if things go wrong.

Residents should also know that the right to cancel must be given in writing by the trader. A key point when dealing with such workmen is that they will push for work to start within a seven day cooling off period. If residents agree to this they lose their right to cancel and are then bound to pay for the works carried out – regardless of how much they cost.

We're urging everyone to be mindful of such scams and recommend that residents avoid dealing with cold callers altogether. We'd also recommend residents look for workmen who belong to an approved trader scheme such as Trustmark or

seek recommendations for trusted traders from friends or family.

## More info

If you have any suspicions about traders who may have approached a vulnerable or elderly neighbour, or would like more information and an information pack on Rogue Traders, phone Waltham Forest's Trading Standards service on **0208 496 3000** or email [environmentalhealth@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:environmentalhealth@walthamforest.gov.uk). You can also phone Citizen's Advice Consumer Services on **08454 04 05 06**. In situations where traders become intimidating or threatening, you should phone the Police.

## In brief

### Adoption information

Residents are being encouraged to think about whether they could adopt a child in need of a stable family life. Adoption information evenings, where you can meet social workers and adoptive families, will take place at Waltham Forest Town Hall (Forest Road, E17 4JF) on Wednesday 20 November and at Leyton Youth Centre (Crawley Road, E10 5PY) on Wednesday 18 December. Both events begin at 6.30pm. The Council needs adopters of all ethnicities, cultures and religions. You do not have to own a home, but you need a spare bedroom and lots of love to give.  
• **Phone 020 8496 3000 or visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt)**

### Seniors' Christmas dinners

Registration has opened for a series of free Christmas celebration meals for residents aged 60 and over. The events take place at Leyton Orient Football Club on Monday 9 December, at Chingford Assembly Hall on Tuesday 10 December and two sittings at Walthamstow Assembly Hall on Wednesday 11 December. Any Waltham Forest resident aged 60 or over is eligible to attend, but places must be booked in advance. Registration closes on Monday 18 November at 5pm. If the event is oversubscribed a ballot will be used to allocate places randomly. You will be notified if you are successful.  
• **To register phone 020 8396 3000, press option 1 and say 'Christmas Dinners'. Registration closes at 12 noon on Monday 18 November.**

### Service disruption

On Friday 15 November Waltham Forest Council's computer data centres will be moved to a new facility. To transfer the information it will be necessary to turn off the Council's IT systems. This means that the Council website will be unavailable from 5pm on Friday 15 November to 7am on Monday 18 November. During this time staff at Waltham Forest Direct and the Walthamstow Customer Service Centre will not be able to access the Council website and services that use IT systems. Residents are being asked to only contact the Council for emergency requests during this time. We apologise in advance for any disruption that may be caused by the switch over and thank you for your patience while we carry out this essential work.  
• **In an emergency phone Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.**

# We remember them



Remembrance Day Services took place across Waltham Forest

**On Sunday 10 November Waltham Forest fell silent as Remembrance Sunday ceremonies – to commemorate the sacrifices made by soldiers and civilians in times of war – took place across the borough.**

At the time of Waltham Forest News going to print on Friday 8 November, Remembrance Sunday events were due to be held at the War Memorials in Chingford, Harrow

Green, Leyton and Walthamstow. Hundreds of residents were expected to turn out to pay their respects to those killed in the two World Wars and more recent conflicts. Cadets, families, veterans and councillors planned to join residents to lay wreaths and observe the traditional two minute silence.

In Walthamstow a parade led by the Mayor of Waltham Forest, Cllr Nadeem Ali, was due to travel from

Lloyd Park to the service held at the Walthamstow Cenotaph at Waltham Forest Town Hall.

Chingford residents could march from Chingford Fire Station to the War Memorial at the junction of King's Head Hill before attending a church service at the Church of St Peter and St Paul. In Leyton attendees were invited to join a parade from Buckingham Road to Coronation Gardens.

Finally, residents were also encouraged to gather at the Harrow Green Memorial on Leyton High Road.

## More info

For more information on Remembrance Day please visit [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

# 4 Priorities

## A better start in life

**Waltham Forest Council has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being done to help you and your family by creating first rate schools, finding loving adoptive families and keeping children safe**

**Making sure that the borough's youngest residents live happy, healthy lives and that they go on to fulfil their maximum potential is a key part of the Council's day to day work. Read on for more information on how the Council is working hard to meet its commitment to help you and your family.**

### School Improvement

We know that a good education is the single most important factor in making sure our children have brighter futures. Providing quality

schools also means that families can lay down roots in the borough rather than moving away – which is key to improving the local economy.

Cllr Clare Coghill, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, recently announced an additional £22 million funding to improve local schools and ensure that the borough's young people can enjoy high quality education in first-rate school buildings.

The extra funding will be used to improve schools including Jenny Hammond, Mayville, Chingford Hall and Norlington Boys. Around

£4 million will also be spent on a major project to refurbish and install kitchens in many schools.

This funding is in addition to the £50 million already secured to improve schools, accommodate an increase in demand for primary school places and give children the quality facilities they deserve.

Works vary at each school and range from major construction projects, such as extensions, to small adaptations to existing buildings.

As part of Waltham Forest's secondary school programme pupils

at Leytonstone Secondary School will see the building refurbished, and a relocation and new build with two new classes is planned for Willowfield Humanities College in Walthamstow.

### Educational attainment

The grades earned by pupils in Waltham Forest have gone from strength to strength in recent years, with local results across all key stages now at their best ever.

When final results for primary school Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are published in January 2014 we expect to see an average three per cent improvement in the proportion of children reaching national standards. In addition, more than half of our children now achieve a level 5 in spelling, punctuation and grammar; which is above the national average.

At GCSE level, older students are also performing well. When final results are published there will be a four per cent improvement in the proportion achieving five A\* to C grades including English and maths. Nationally, attainment levels are predicted to fall.

Cllr Clare Coghill told Waltham Forest News: "These fantastic results are testament to the hard work of our pupils, parents and teaching staff and we're committed to ensuring that we continue this success."

This improvement has been recognised by Ofsted – the national body which regulates schools and reports to government – as 84 per cent of the borough's schools are now rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

### Social care

As part of a continued drive to maintain and improve services, the Council has introduced a number of measures in the field of social care. A 'multi-agency safeguarding hub' is being put into place; a first point of contact for people with concerns around a child's safety and a forum that can be used by professionals working with children to share information if they have concerns.

The Council knows that stability and consistency are important for anyone using social care services and as such, around 80 per cent of the staff who support families or children using a care service are permanent employees rather than

agency workers.

While there is more work to do in the borough to maintain and further improve standards, a new chair of the Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children's Board – the body that monitors how local agencies provide services to children up to 18 – will help to take this work forward by developing relationships and leading work on child sexual exploitation.

### Adoption

Residents are being urged to think if they could give a child a stable family life as the Council looks to recruit more adoptive families.

Adoption is a rewarding experience that is open to anyone regardless of their background, marital status or sexuality. Two Adoption Information Evenings, where you can meet social workers and adoptive families and ask questions, will take place before the end of the year. See p3 for more details.

And local people with a knack for knitting are also being called on to raise awareness of the Council's new adoption campaign, 'Create a Close Knit Family.'

With children across the borough in desperate need of loving homes, the Council is asking residents to create their own 'close knit' family and knit dolls that can be given to local children to help spread the word about the campaign. Turn to p16 for a free knitting pattern.

Cllr Coghill said: "Giving young people the best possible start in life is key to ensuring success and prosperity later on.

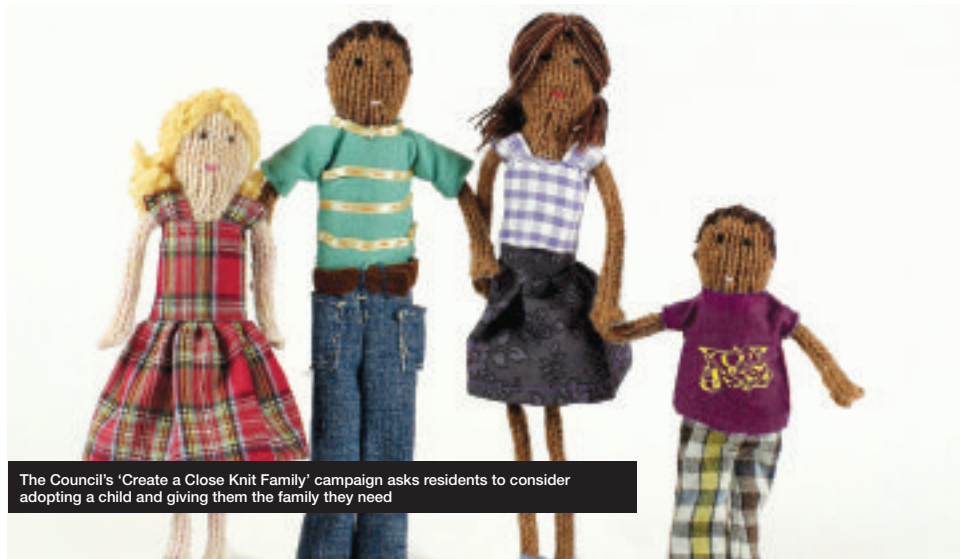
"Providing every child in the borough with a good education is a priority for the Council and we are making sure that they all have a place in a good quality school. It's amazing to see so many improvements underway across the borough to give our youngest residents inspirational places in which they can study and learn."

### More info

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) and search 'children's services'. For more information about adopting, and how you can support the Council's 'Create a Close Knit Family' campaign see p16, visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt) or phone 020 8496 3000.



Cllr Clare Coghill sees construction work begin at the new Willowfield Humanities College site



The Council's 'Create a Close Knit Family' campaign asks residents to consider adopting a child and giving them the family they need

# What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about the Council's children's services and education



Claire Ellis, Higham Hill

"I have two children who have gone to school in the borough and I think the most important thing that could improve education is the quality of the teaching. There needs to be good communication with kids to help them achieve."



Ahmed Rkik, Lea Bridge Road

"I am planning to send my two-year-old son to a school in the borough so it is important to me that the schools are good. I think things like after-school clubs are a good idea."



Imran Khan, Chingford

"I have one child who has started nursery and will be going to school in a couple of years' time. Because I work shifts I think the Breakfast Club will be really helpful. I think children need to also be taught good manners in school."



Rodica and Daniel Popp, Walthamstow

"We have a son and obviously kids are the future so it is really important the Council invests in giving them the best start in life they can. I think the money for school kitchens is really good. If you eat well you learn well."

## Priority: Helping you and your family

### Commitment:

- Not raise council tax and will continue to fund the freedom pass
- Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age
- Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people in decent buildings
- Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe

## Priority: Making our community a safer place

### Priority: Keeping our borough clean

### Priority: Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

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Waltham Forest Council's campaign to combat enviro-crime is coming on leaps and bounds, with the message 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' being heard loud and clear.

Local businesses have joined in the campaign, signing up to the Business Litter Pledge that means they agree to clear up outside their premises on a regular basis.

The following businesses are the latest to sign the Pledge:

Who?	Top Chicken
Where from?	286 Hoe Street
Who?	Black People's Mental Health Association
Where from?	2 Priory Avenue
Who?	Pizza Go Go
Where from?	288 Hoe Street
Who?	McDonald's
Where from?	60 Sewardstone Road
Who?	Forest Road Post Office
Where from?	619 Forest Road
Who?	After's Original
Where from?	688 High Road Leyton
Who?	East London Community Law Service
Where from?	702 High Road Leyton
Who?	Sajid Food Store
Where from?	704 High Road Leyton

If you're a local business and want to sign up to the litter pledge email your details to [highways.enforcement@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:highways.enforcement@walthamforest.gov.uk)

### More info

To find out more about the 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' campaign visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/dontmess](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/dontmess). Report an enviro-crime by visiting [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it) or phone Waltham Forest Direct on 0208 8496 3000.



While most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their dogs, Waltham Forest is cracking down on owners who refuse to clean up after their pets

# 'Don't mess' targets dog mess

- 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' campaign goes after dirty dogs
- Council fines irresponsible dog owners who refuse to pick dog mess up

The 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' campaign is determined to combat all forms of enviro-crime in the borough, and recently saw some success in catching two irresponsible dog owners who refused to clean up after their pets.

A pair of dogs were spotted by Dog Enforcement Officers in Stoneydown Park and recognised from intelligence supplied by local residents. After they had finished their business the owners were approached by the council officers and were asked to pick up after their dogs.

The owners were informed they would be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 if they refused, but surprisingly they decided not to take the opportunity to avoid the fine by cleaning up the mess.

"Amazingly the individuals concerned refused to pick up after their dogs and were subsequently issued with the Fixed Penalty Notices," Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet

Member for Environment, told Waltham Forest News.

"The vast majority of dog owners are very responsible and do not need to be told that they should clear up after their pets, but needless to say we post signs and even spray paint warnings on pavements in order to drive the message home."

Catching dogs in the act and then being able to confront owners who don't clean up the mess is a difficult job for the Council's Enforcement Officers. On this occasion it was one of the Dog Enforcement Team out on patrol in a borough park.

There are also around 20 other Council Enforcement Officers out on patrol in town centres and a similar number of Police Community Support Officers in the borough who can also issue Fixed Penalty Notices for enviro-crimes thanks to an agreement between the Police and the Council.

Because it is so tough to catch irresponsible dog owners – and because of the necessity to actually

witness the crime in the progress (so to speak) – the Council has been in discussions with Waltham Forest For Dogs about intelligence gathering.

"We've been talking to Waltham Forest For Dogs about the proposed signage and the guidance in relation to the Dog Control Orders that we are looking to implement in parks in the New Year," explained Cllr Loakes.

"We've also put forward the idea of having notepads available for responsible dog owners to use. It will be a simple format that will allow them to note down details of irresponsible dog owners and their pets.

"By passing on details of when and where they spot dogs fouling, and their owners ignoring the mess, our officers can use the intelligence to try to spot the culprits at similar times and places."

Waltham Forest Council has one of the largest Dog Enforcement Teams in the capital, but with the huge expanse of parks and open spaces in the borough, and the

large window of time that dog owners go out for walks, it is a very difficult task to spot dog owners leaving dog mess.

By using intelligence from regular park users and responsible dog owners it is hoped a more targeted approach can be taken. "Just as with the case in Stoneydown Park, we would much rather give people the chance to change their behaviour than fine them," Cllr Loakes said.

"However, as that example proved, even then some people just don't want to play ball. I think they represent the minority, and quiet reasoning will hopefully bring round the majority of irresponsible dog owners who currently fail to clean up after their pets."

### More info

For more information about the Council's 'Don't Mess with Waltham Forest' campaign please visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/dontmess](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/dontmess) or phone 020 8496 3000.

# Christmas parking

- Council announces parking measures to encourage Christmas shoppers
- Two hours' free parking on Saturdays and from 4pm in Council car parks



Free parking will help shoppers and businesses this Christmas

**In order to help residents do their Christmas shopping in the borough, the Council has announced measures to ease the cost and make our high streets cheaper and more convenient retail destinations.**

There will be two hours' free parking in all of the Council's car parks during every weekend of

December. Monday to Friday there will also be free parking in Council car parks from 4pm in the evenings, rather than from 5pm.

"These measures are designed to help out in the run up to Christmas and encourage residents to support their local high streets by doing their shopping locally," said Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and

Cabinet Member for Environment.

The car parks included in the scheme are Bedford Road E17, Brandon Road E17, Church Lane E11, Hall Lane E4, High Street E17, Linford Road E17, Mission Grove E17, Richmond Road E4, South Grove E17 and Stanley Road E10.

There will also be no parking enforcement taking place on Bank Holidays during the festive period and no vehicle removals on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve after 12.30pm.

Motorists are also reminded that since the introduction of 15 minutes of free parking in PayByPhone (Voucher) bays last year, there is also the opportunity for shoppers to pop out to pick up those last minute bits and pieces without having to pay for parking.

"The 15 minutes free parking is designed for shoppers who just need to stop off quickly in our high streets for something," explained Cllr Loakes. "So during the rest of the year a loaf of bread, a pint of milk,

some dry cleaning and the like can easily be collected without having to use a car park and buy a ticket.

"At Christmas I'm sure this will be particularly convenient for anyone looking to pick up those last minute bits and pieces. When you realise you've run out of wrapping paper, or forgotten the mince pies or find the cranberry sauce went off in July you can simply zip down to your local high street, park in a PayByPhone bay for up to fifteen minutes while you remedy the emergency and then get back to your yuletide preparations.

"We're really pleased that so many residents have found the 15 minutes free parking so useful and that businesses are benefiting from its introduction."

## More info

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking) or phone 020 8496 3000.

## In brief



## Highams Park Plan

Highams Park is one of a limited number of areas selected by the Government to pilot the creation of a Community Plan that will help shape future development and neighbourhood planning. A launch event on Saturday 16 November will take place between 12.30pm and 4.30pm at All Saints Church Hall in Church Avenue, Highams Park. The launch event will allow local residents to learn more about what the plan could deliver, swap ideas and register their interest if they would like to be involved.

- For more information please email [highamparkplan@gmail.com](mailto:highamparkplan@gmail.com). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

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# Arts Development Grants launched

- New scheme aims to nurture and strengthen local artistic and creative activity
- Grants totalling £200,000 available to artists, groups and clubs in the borough



Local artist and Arts Practitioners Forum member, Esther Neslen, with her sculpture exhibition 'Waiting'

Art and cultural activities in Waltham Forest have been given a boost with the news that £200,000 has been set aside to help fund projects that get more local people involved in creative activities and events.

The Council's Arts Development Grants scheme was launched at a presentation evening at Waltham Forest Town Hall on Thursday 17 October. Over 100 people from the local arts community attended to find out more and meet other creative residents.

As well as announcing the grant scheme, the evening also celebrated the launch of the borough's new Arts Practitioners Forum. The forum will meet four

times a year and gives local artists the chance to come together, share ideas and develop local working partnerships to get more people involved in arts activities. The next Practitioners Forum meeting will take place in January 2014.

Cllr Ahsan Khan, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, said: "Waltham Forest has a thriving arts scene and I'm delighted that the new Arts Development Grants and Arts Practitioners Forum will help build on that."

**"We want people of all ages to get involved in local arts projects."**

"Cultural activities play a crucial role in bringing our communities together and enhancing residents' wellbeing and quality of life. We want to encourage even more people of all ages to get involved in local arts projects, festivals and events to help us realise the borough's cultural ambitions."

Local artist Esther Neslen, who attended the evening, told Waltham Forest News: "I was very excited to be at the launch. It's particularly heartening to have a creative dialogue within the borough, and a supportive environment for a broad range of artists to operate in."

Applications for Arts Development Grants are open now and there are two deadlines to return your application; Monday 2 December and Friday 28 February 2014. You will be informed if your application has been successful within four weeks of returning the form to the Council.

Applications can be made by individuals, community groups and voluntary and not-for-profit organisations within the borough. The grants will support all creative disciplines.

Priority will be given to applicants with unique and innovative ideas for festivals, events and activities that encourage volunteering and bring people from different communities together. The scheme will also welcome applications for creative projects which respond to and or coincide with the centenary of World War One in 2014.

As well as funding, the grant scheme will also offer help in the form of shadowing opportunities, workshops and training.

## More info

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/arts](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/arts), phone Margaret Agana on 020 8496 3000 or email [margaret.agana@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:margaret.agana@walthamforest.gov.uk)



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## Winter Wonderland

**Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 December, 1pm–7pm**

Enjoy the spectacle and magic of the festive season  
Leyton Cricket Ground, Leyton E10 6RJ

This December, wrap up warm for two amazing days of fun. Glide with the greatest of ease across the rink, listen to carol singers, see the animals including reindeers or have fun on the zip line and at the fair – there is so much to be had at Winter Wonderland.

\*No booking required for the synthetic ice rink

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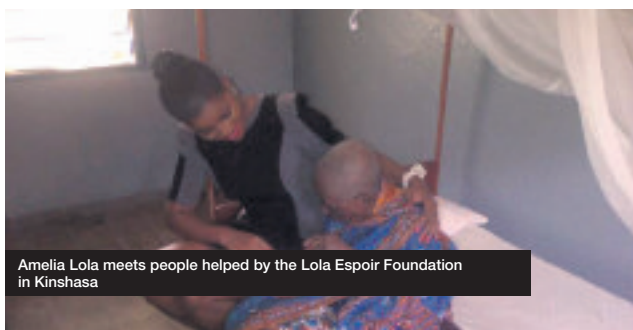
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## Leytonstone



Amelia Lola meets people helped by the Lola Espoir Foundation in Kinshasa



# Model behaviour

- Former Miss Congo UK sets up charitable organisation
- Lola Espoir Foundation helps orphans, disabled people and older people in Congo

**Model and student Amelia Lola, 22, has been swapping catwalks and high heels for donations and good deeds after setting up a charity to help people in her home country.**

Amelia, who moved to Leytonstone with her family at the age of 14, recently founded the Lola Espoir Foundation in Kinshasa – the capital city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Amelia told Waltham Forest News: “Ever since I was young, when I was living in Kinshasa, I have always enjoyed sharing with others. I like to make sure that people around me are happy and treated equally. Caring for others is a big part of my personality.

“When I was crowned Miss Congo UK in 2010 I knew at that moment that I wanted to give something back to my community. I want to be able to look back on my life when I’m older and know that I accomplished my dream of helping others and making life

better for people living in tough circumstances.”

The name of the foundation reflects its aim to give people a positive future. Amelia explained: “The word ‘espoir’ is a French word, which means ‘hope’. It reflects my

**“As long as we are living, we cannot lose our hope for a better future.”**

belief that as long as we are living, we cannot lose our hope for a better future.”

The charity works to help a wide range of people, from children living in orphanages to teenage mothers who have experienced sexual abuse and older and disabled people who do not have the medical supplies and equipment they need.

Amelia said: “I had been making charitable donations as an individual for some time, but I felt that it wasn’t enough and that I needed to do more.

“I was a finalist in the Top Model

of Colour 2013 and when the competition ended in February this year, I flew to Congo to set up the Lola Espoir Foundation and meet some of the people we will help.” Amelia and her team of volunteers visited orphanages to donate food,

clothes and toys. They also visited older people living in residential homes. Many of the residents have disabilities, yet don’t have access to equipment such as wheelchairs and crutches. They are also in desperate need of food and clothing.

As well as donating food, clothing and medical supplies the charity also aims to help young mothers earn a living to support their families.

Amelia explained: “We want to help teenage mothers learn a skill or handicraft, as cutting and sewing jobs can pay quite well and can help them become independent and

support their families. These young mothers have had a tough start in life, but I want to help them realise it doesn’t have to continue.”

Amelia is now looking for people to volunteer to help her charity. She is also keen to hear from anyone who can donate clothes, equipment or funds.

Amelia added: “I hope that one day the foundation will become an international charity – giving hope to people across the world. Since the foundation began I’ve put my heart and soul into it. I would love to see it help people here as well as in Congo, so I can not only give something back to Africa, but to London as well.”

### More info

For more information visit [www.foundationlolaespoir.org](http://www.foundationlolaespoir.org) or [foundationlolaespoir@yahoo.fr](mailto:foundationlolaespoir@yahoo.fr). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



## In brief

### Charity quiz

If you want to test your general knowledge and raise money for a good cause, why not go along to a charity quiz being held on Saturday 16 November? The event takes place at St John’s Church Hall (Leytonstone High Road, E11 1HH) from 7pm. Entry costs £8 per person, which includes a curry buffet and raffle. Quiz teams can include a maximum of six people. All proceeds from the evening will go towards repairing the roof of St John’s Church Hall. Spaces are limited, so booking is essential.

• To book tickets phone Hong-Yoke on 020 8989 5479 or email [hongyoke.lim@gmail.com](mailto:hongyoke.lim@gmail.com)

### The Stone Space gallery

Art lovers are encouraged to take a trip to The Stone Space (6 Church Lane, E11 1HG) to see a new exhibition by artist Paul Morris. ‘Inamorata’ features themes of obsession in human liaisons. The images featured are largely derived from the artist’s subconscious, exploring the mysterious or tormented dimension of relationships. The exhibition runs until Sunday 24 November. The Stone Space is a volunteer-led gallery supporting artists from a diverse range of backgrounds. It provides a space to create thought-provoking and exciting exhibitions and installations. The Stone Space is open Thursday and Friday, 2–6pm, Saturday 12–5pm and Sunday 12–4pm. Entry is free.

• For more information visit [www.thestonespace.wordpress.com](http://www.thestonespace.wordpress.com) or email [mail@thestonespace.com](mailto:mail@thestonespace.com). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

### Diabetes UK

Diabetes UK has thanked local people for supporting the charity’s ‘Big Collection’ weekend, which took place at Tesco in Leytonstone between Friday 4 and Sunday 6 October. Over the weekend volunteers collected almost £630 in donations from Leytonstone residents. The charity is now looking for people to help raise money at future events. Whether you can spare an hour a month or one day a week, there are several ways you can get involved. As well as collecting money you could volunteer to support people living with diabetes, help raise awareness of the condition or become a media volunteer.

• If you are interested in volunteering for Diabetes UK phone Caroline Townsend on 020 7424 1116, visit [www.diabetes.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/volunteer) or email [caroline.townsend@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:caroline.townsend@diabetes.org.uk)

## Sports and fitness

### Chi Kung

Sundays, 9–10am

Church Hill Studios, 6 Church Hill, E17 3RY  
A four-week course costs £28, payable in advance, or £9 for a drop-in. **For more information please visit [www.heikechikung.co.uk](http://www.heikechikung.co.uk)**

### Line dancing

Fridays, 8–10.30pm

Chandos Centre, Colegrave Road, E15 1DZ  
Lisa's Line Dance Club meets for a social evening and professional tuition. We're a friendly group and welcome beginners and advanced dancers. Dance to modern and country music. **For more details phone Lisa on 07958 788 292.**

### Yoga for healthy backs

Mondays, 8.30–9.30pm

Quaker Meeting House, Leytonstone, E11 3AU  
New Yoga for Healthy Backs course to start in November. Small personal groups with maximum of six people. Educating you through yoga awareness and postures on how to manage your chronic non-specific back issue. This is a 12 week programme which is evidence based and assured by Arthritis UK. £180 for 12 weeks. **For more information phone Arlene Dunkley-Wood on 07976 903 003, email [info@arlenedunkley-wood.co.uk](mailto:info@arlenedunkley-wood.co.uk) or visit [www.yoga4birth.co.uk](http://www.yoga4birth.co.uk)**



### Prenatal Yoga and Active Birth

Mondays, 6.45–8.15pm

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU  
For women from 12 weeks of pregnancy onwards. Ten weeks at discount price of £155. Registration is required and spaces are limited. **For more information phone Arlene Dunkley-Wood on 07976 903 003, email [info@arlenedunkley-wood.co.uk](mailto:info@arlenedunkley-wood.co.uk) or visit [www.yoga4birth.co.uk](http://www.yoga4birth.co.uk)**

### Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8–9pm

North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Road  
An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, bodybars, gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class free, then £25 per month. **Phone Lucilla on 07956 695077 to book your space, email**

[lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk](mailto:lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk) or visit [www.onestopfitness.co.uk](http://www.onestopfitness.co.uk)

### Zumba Fitness with Chloe

Tuesdays, 7pm

Walthamstow School for Girls, E17 9RZ  
£5 per class. Discounts available with advanced payment. Wear low tread supportive trainers and bring a bottle of water to enjoy this exhilarating dance fitness class in a low pressure atmosphere. **For more information phone Chloe on 07903 629636, email [chloe@dancechloe.com](mailto:chloe@dancechloe.com) or visit [www.DanceChloe.com](http://www.DanceChloe.com)**

### London East Aikido

Tuesdays and Fridays

The Hall, West Avenue E17 9QN  
We are a small group studying the Japanese art of Aikido. Classes are suitable for both men and women (please note these are adults only) and cost £7.50 per session. You are also welcome to come along and watch a class before starting. **For more information visit [www.londoneastaikido.co.uk](http://www.londoneastaikido.co.uk)**

### Circle Dance Day

Saturday 23 November, 11am–4pm

The Welcome Centre, 8 Church End, E17 9RJ.  
No experience or partner needed, all welcome. Cost £15 waged or £12 unwaged. Bring food to share. **For more information phone Pat on 020 8556 3508 or email [jean.duggleby@virgin.net](mailto:jean.duggleby@virgin.net)**

## Clubs and community

### Waltham Forest Bilingual Group

Saturday 7 December, 3.30–5.30pm

The Limes, 6 Somers Road, E17 6RX  
In addition to our normal drop in session, this special event will be of interest to parents of children aged 10 and over. Vicky Obied will talk to the group about the issues that may arise in multilingual families when children are around secondary school age. Vicky will share her insights about this phase of multilingual family life. Free event, all welcome. **For more information visit [www.wfbilingual.org.uk](http://www.wfbilingual.org.uk)**

### Winter Fayre

Sunday 1 December, 11.30am–2.30pm

The Lloyd Park Centre, Winns Avenue Entrance, Lloyd Park, E17 5JW  
Stalls and fun for the whole family. Visit Father Christmas in his grotto. Activities, entertainment, food and refreshments. Small entrance fee. **For more information phone 020 8531 9522.**

### Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 23 November, 10am–3pm

All Saints Church, Church Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9PD  
Lots of stalls, crafts, plants, Santa's grotto, games and refreshments.

### Free English classes

Mondays and Thursdays, 9.30am–11am

Christ Church, Francis Road, Leyton  
Improve your English conversation and learn some grammar. Classes are free and materials will be provided. Sorry, no crèche. **For more information phone 020 8925 2728.**



### Highams Park Farmers Market

Fourth Sunday of every month, 10am–3pm

Highams Park Station carpark, Station Approach, The Avenue, E4 9LA  
Mike Allen from Essex Farmers Market that runs the very successful Chingford Farmers Market in Station Road, Chingford on the second Sunday of every month will be bringing his market of fresh produce, locally reared meats and traditionally baked bread and cakes to Highams Park.

### Highams Park Community Plan launch event

Saturday 16 November, 12.30–4.30pm

All Saints Church Hall, Church Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9PD  
Free refreshments available for all the family.

### Holy Family Christmas Table Top Sale

Saturday 16 November, 10am–1pm

1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 3EA  
The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form are holding their Christmas Indoor Table Top Sale. Refreshments, homemade cakes and a chance to start your Christmas shopping with a variety of goodies to choose from. **To book a table email [t.friends@hollyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:t.friends@hollyfamily.waltham.sch.uk) or phone the school office on 020 8520 0482.**

### Grand Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 16 November, 9.30am–12.30pm

Our Lady of Grace, corner of Station Road and Kings Road, Chingford  
Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on two floors in St Teresa's Hall and St Mary's Catholic Primary School Hall. There will be books, toiletries, Christmas cards and toys, all at reasonable prices. Father Christmas will be in his grotto and there will be activities for young children. Admission £1 per adult and free for children accompanied by an Adult.

### LGBT Social Support

Thursdays, 2.30–4pm

ELOP Centre, 56–60 Grove Road,

Walthamstow, E17 9BN

A weekly social support group for all LGBT people and those with support needs looking to socialise and share experiences in a relaxed, supportive environment away from the scene. Be yourself, talk about the issues relevant to you and develop lasting friendships. With different activities such as art projects, discussion afternoons, quizzes and movies, through to stress buster workshops, relaxation sessions, self-esteem, confidence building and much more. Entry £2. **For more information phone 020 8509 3898 or email [info@elop.org](mailto:info@elop.org)**

### Table Top Sale

Saturday 16 November, 10am–12noon

Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB  
Toys, hand knits, homemade jams, pickled onions, books, raffle, bric a brac and refreshments. **For more information visit [www.priorycourtcc.org.uk](http://www.priorycourtcc.org.uk) or phone 020 8531 9990.**

### Christmas Fayre

Saturday 16 November, 11am–4pm

Leytonstone High Road Methodist Church  
Featuring soft toys, games, cakes, sweets, plants, handicrafts, books, CDs, DVDs, records, face painting, children's activities, sideshows and delicious food. Tea and coffee also available. Entry costs 60p for adults and children are free.

### Charity quiz

Saturday 16 November from 7.00 pm

St John's Church Hall, Leytonstone High Road, E11 1HH  
Tables of 6 for quiz teams. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Evening also includes curry buffet and raffle. All proceeds in aid of roof repairs to St John's Church Hall. Tickets cost £8 including buffet and are on sale now. Essential to book in advance to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited. **For more information, or to book, phone Hong-Yoke on 020 8989 5479 or email [hongyoke.lim@gmail.com](mailto:hongyoke.lim@gmail.com)**

### Leytonstone Green Drinks

Friday 15 November, 8pm

The Walnut Tree, 857–861 High Road, Leytonstone, E11 1HH  
Are you green and eco-minded? Do you want to meet others with the same interests? Then come along on the 15th of any month and enjoy good company, green conversations and great beer. Look for the table with the 3 Green Tankards sign. **Phone 07747 014 235 for more information.**

### Community Local Produce Stall

Every Saturday, 10.30am–3pm

St John's Church, Church Lane, Leytonstone  
A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone. **For more information email [stall@elop.org](mailto:stall@elop.org)**

[transitionleytonstone.org.uk](http://transitionleytonstone.org.uk) or phone 020 8556 3090.

### Affordable Psychotherapy in English and Spanish

Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm

Near Blackhorse Road Station.  
Short and long term psychotherapy for individuals and couples. Sliding scale of fees, meaning that everyone can access psychotherapy. Concessions for students, unwaged and retired people. **For more information phone Valeria Bonfiglio on 07912 887588, email [vb.psychologist@gmail.com](mailto:vb.psychologist@gmail.com) or visit [www.valeriabonfiglio.co.uk](http://www.valeriabonfiglio.co.uk)**

## Culture and crafts

### Word Down Walthamstow

Saturday 16 November, 7.30pm

Red Room, Ye Olde Rose and Crown, 53–55 Hoe Street, Walthamstow  
Featuring host comic poet Neal Zetter, hilarious music sets from both Xave Fernandez and Laurence Owen, the wit and wisdom of rising star comedienne Sophie Rose, highly amusing duo Gary from Leeds and Richard Purnell plus open mics who must arrive at 7.15pm to sign-up. Full bar available. Tickets cost £5 (all acts free) on night or in advance. **For more info phone Neal on 020 8509 3880.**

### Charity Rock and Roll Dance

Friday 22 November, 7.30pm

Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, E4 7EN  
This is a super rock and roll show in aid of the Hopes and Dreams Charity. Featuring a live performance from 'Good Rockin' Tonight' and DJ Marx JukeBox Jive. Dance floor, bar, special raffle, car park. Advance tickets £12 (also at the door). Limited tickets so advanced booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. **To buy tickets phone Ron or Anny on 020 8505 9274 or 07958 128331.**

### E17 Craft Fair

Saturday 30 November, 12–3pm

Shernhall Methodist Church, Shernhall Street, E17 9HX  
Local people selling handmade items to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and St Francis Hospice. Refreshments available. Free entry. **For more information phone Karen on 07534 284160, email [craftykazoo@gmail.com](mailto:craftykazoo@gmail.com) or follow @E17Crafters on twitter.**

### Dream Workshop

Sunday 24 November, 10am–1pm

The Health Works, 111a Hoe Street, E17 4RX  
Stimulating activities will provide the tools to use dreams to reflect creatively on meanings and opportunities for growth. Safe and friendly. Entry £30, some reductions available. **To book a place**

phone 020 8509 0537, visit [www.personalcounselling.co.uk](http://www.personalcounselling.co.uk) or email [ruthcalland@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthcalland@hotmail.com)

### She17 Live Women's Music

**Friday 29 November, 7.45–10.30pm**  
The Grove Cafe, 21 Hatherley Mews, off Hoe Street, E17

A warm, welcoming and fun alternate monthly event for women who sing or play an instrument to try out their songs and collaborate with other local female musicians. Entry £2. **For more information visit [www.she17.com](http://www.she17.com) or follow @she17music on Twitter.**

### Craft Fair

**Saturday 30 November, 12–4pm**  
Chingford British Legion Club, Hall Lane, E4 8HW

Sellers can buy a table for £5 in advance or £7 on the day. Set up from 11am. Entrance fee for buyers 20p. Refreshments available. Proceeds to the Chingford Poppy Appeal.

**For more information email Emma at [emma.cantwell@sky.com](mailto:emma.cantwell@sky.com)**



### Rob Auton – The Sky Show

**Wednesday 13 November, 8pm**  
Ye Olde Rose and Crown, 55 Hoe Street, E17 4SA

Rob is the winner of the 2013 Dave Award for Best Joke at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. This show is about the sky and the things in it; you know, clouds, birds, balloons, weather, colours, thrown balls, etc. This show is suitable for people who have seen the sky and enjoy looking up. Part of the Words Over Waltham Forest Festival. Entry costs £5.95. **To buy tickets visit <http://robauton-efbevent.eventbrite.co.uk>**

### Stow Tellers – Walthamstow Storytelling Club

**Second Monday of the month, 7.30–9.30pm**

The Welcome Centre, 8 Church End, E17 9RJ

Do you have a story to tell? Perhaps one told to you by a favourite aunt as a child or passed down through your family as local folk lore? This could be for you – a new storytelling club, for the telling of traditional stories, myths, legends, folk tales, tall tales and fireside tales. Come to tell a story, just listen or both. No props, books, microphone or equipment needed, this is a space for celebrating oral storytelling by sharing stories in a friendly environment. All welcome. Entry is £3 or £2 for concessions. **For more information visit [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/stowtellers) and search Stowtellers – the Walthamstow Storytelling Club or email [stowtellers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stowtellers@yahoo.co.uk)**



### Open Mic Night

**Third Thursday of the month, 8pm**  
Old Hall Tavern, Hall Lane, E4 8EY  
Supportive audience welcomes performers of all levels from beginners to professionals in this friendly and inclusive live music venue. Free entry and use of PA and amps or do your thing unplugged. **For more details phone Trev on 07947 028755 or email [trevwev@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:trevwev@yahoo.co.uk)**

### Acoustic Showcase

**Thursdays, 7.30pm**  
The Village, 31 Orford Road, E17 9NL  
Come and enjoy performances from talented London-based musicians playing acoustic sets of original music and covers in the warm and friendly atmosphere of The Village Pub. Free entry. **For more information, or if you are a musician interested in performing, email [gabriel4music@gmail.com](mailto:gabriel4music@gmail.com)**

Piano recital with Aglaia Tarantino in aid of Eat or Heat. To include piano works by Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and Liszt. Aglaia is an international concert pianist and is donating her performance. Evening also includes a performance from Natural Voices Choir. Tickets cost £15 each and doors open at 7.30pm. **Book online at [www.eatorheat.org](http://www.eatorheat.org)**

### Eat or Heat Christmas Fair

**Saturday 30 November, 12–6pm**  
St Mary's Welcome Centre, Church End, E17 9RJ

Came Griffiths will create a portrait of William Morris in tea, to be raffled for £5 per ticket. There will be lots of stalls by local artists and artisans. £1 entry also allows half price entry to E17 Designers Market. **For more information visit [www.eatorheat.org](http://www.eatorheat.org) or Twitter @eatorheat.**

### Ukulele Classes for Adults

**Saturdays from 9 November, 10.30am**  
Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU

Absolute beginners classes for the ukulele. Other classes available with an experienced, professional musician in a fun and relaxed environment.

**For further information and to book, phone Dick Smith on 07903 419691, email [dickbanjosmith@gmail.com](mailto:dickbanjosmith@gmail.com) or visit [www.banjosmith.co.uk](http://www.banjosmith.co.uk)**

### Strung Out Violin Groups for Adults

Studio Office, Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU

Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels, with a professional musician whose work spans from the West End to Womad. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional. Fun is the key ingredient! Intermediates, easy and early stages/beginners welcome. Evening classes are limited, so please call for further information and to reserve a place. Private lessons also available. **For further information, phone Allison Jones on 07740 622428, email [strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com](mailto:strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com) or visit [www.shapeshifter-productions.com](http://www.shapeshifter-productions.com)**



## Children and young people

### Club Mellow parent, baby and toddler

**Thursdays, 10.30am–12.30pm**  
ELOP centre, 56–60 Grove Road Walthamstow E17 9BN

A weekly social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans parents and carers with bumps, babies and toddlers. A chance to meet and socialize with other LGBT parents and carers, share support and parenting tips, talk about the issues relevant to you, and develop LGBT social networks for you and your children. With plenty of toys and activities for the little ones and a chance to share stories and build better networks for the adults. Entry £2.50 for adults, free for little ones. **For more information phone 020 8509 3898 or email [info@elop.org](mailto:info@elop.org)**

### Maths and English Tuition

**Mondays, 4–6pm**

**Saturdays, 1–3pm**

St Marys Hall, Lindley Road, E10 6QT  
Leyton First Class Learning help children succeed in Maths and English. **For more information phone Rosa on 07503 140389 or email [leyton@firstclasslearning.co.uk](mailto:leyton@firstclasslearning.co.uk)**

### E17 Junior Guitar Club

**Saturdays, times vary**

Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH  
Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. Ages 7 and upwards. Pay £8 for a taster session, then £48 for a half-term of six 30 minute lessons. **For more information phone Christian Karlsson on 07958 471083, email [chris@stunningmusic.com](mailto:chris@stunningmusic.com) or visit [www.stunningmusic.com](http://www.stunningmusic.com)**

## Community Ward Forums

### Hoe Street

**Monday 18 November, 7–9pm**

Welcome Centre, The Parish Office, 8 Church End, E17 9RJ

### Wood Street

**Monday 18 November, 7–9pm**

Henry Maynard School, Addison Road, Walthamstow, E17 9LT

### High Street

**Monday 25 November, 7–9pm**

Stoneydown Park Primary School

**For more information on Community Ward Forums visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums)**

## Council Meetings

### Tuesday 12 November

Cabinet, 5pm

Planning Committee, 7pm

### Wednesday 20 November

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

### Thursday 21 November

Public Health and Health Delivery Scrutiny Committee

**All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.**



## Tell us what's on

**Email your event details to:**

**[walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk)**

**Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.**

**The deadline for 16 December 2013 edition is Friday 29 November**

**Please note inclusion cannot be guaranteed, due to the high volume of requests received.**

# Keep Your Independence

## Falls are NOT 'just a part of growing older' Speak to someone!

FREE

- Free worn ferrule exchange
- Free sloppy slipper exchange whilst stocks last
- Information Packs
- Tai Chi Taster Session
- Home Energy Efficiency Information
- Demonstration on how to get up after a fall
- Warmth items and ice Grippers for people on Pension Credit whilst stocks last (please bring a copy of your pension credit award letter with you)
- And Much More!

**An event for older people, their carers, relatives and friends**

**Thursday 21st November 2013  
10am-1.00pm**

**Epicentre  
41 West Street  
Leytonstone E11 4LJ**

**Event opened by Councillor Angie Bean**



## Are you an older person and feel lonely or isolated?

**Age UK Waltham Forest's Just Connect  
Service can help you!**

Would you like someone to visit you weekly for a chat or perhaps you would like to gain confidence to attend activities in the local area to meet new people? Our befrienders can help.

If you feel you would benefit from this service then please contact Christine Bateson on 0208 558 5512 or email [c.bateson@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk](mailto:c.bateson@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk)



## Public notice

### Planning

#### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest ("the Council") hereby gives notice that it proposes to make an order under Section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of the following area of public highway which is shown hatched blue on the plan attached to the draft order:

(a) known as part of Wilton Place, London, E4 formed of one square shaped area measuring a distance of 9.1 metres and a width of 7.4 metres at its northern end and 5.6 metres at its southern end

**IF THE ORDER IS MADE**, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted to the Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association on 27 September 2013 under reference 2013/0974

**COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND THE RELEVANT PLANS MAY BE INSPECTED** during normal office hours from 11 November 2013 to 9 December 2013 at

(a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS and (b) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS free of charge

**ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT** to the making of the proposed order by **9 December 2013** by written statement to Legal and Democratic Services, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF (Ref: EHD.407/JWE). In preparing an objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be affected by it and that those persons may wish to communicate with the objector about it.

**Dated: 11 November 2013**  
**MR. K. VALAVAN, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**  
**THE SCHEDULE**

Erection of three storey block of 15 residential units (3 x 1 bed, 9 x 2 bed and 3 x 3 bed), eight parking spaces, cycle storage and refuse storage

### More info

For more public notices see pages 14 and 19.

# Grace gets online

- Council helps turn centenarian into cyber surfer
- Adult social care team offers multimedia training to help older and vulnerable residents

**At 103 years old Grace Chandler may be the ultimate silver surfer. She Skypes, she tweets and now she's planning a video log to keep her 77,000 Facebook fans happy.**

The transformation from knitter to social networker came about thanks to a programme launched earlier this year. Waltham Forest Council set aside £30,000 to fund multimedia training for older people and those with learning disabilities.

"The technology of today opens up a world of opportunity and we didn't see why age or disability should hold people back," Cllr Angie Bean, Cabinet Member for Adult Services, told Waltham Forest News.

"Grace is proof that it doesn't matter how old you are, there's so much that the digital age has to offer. She's just one of 300 people we have helped get the most out of modern technology."

The programme brings multimedia into day care centres and older people's homes, providing training for staff and residents and allowing access to technology in a way that is useful to them.

Some specialised equipment has been purchased to allow people with sensory and physical impairment access to technology. For others it is about bringing people into the modern age with regard to things they have always enjoyed such as music and photos. Providing residents with memory sticks to store information, downloading music and helping people use the internet has all contributed to an improvement in the quality of life of the individuals concerned.

Grace took multimedia training at George Mason Lodge, the older people's home she lives at in Leytonstone. "I retired 30 years ago and they didn't have computers then,"



Leytonstone resident Grace Chandler has become an avid silver surfer thanks to multimedia training

she said. "I've never used computers until now, I'm used to typewriters."

A keen knitter, Grace has combined her hobby with her new found knowledge by taking part in the annual Big Knit, which invites

an MP3 player and has a Twitter account (@Georgem88216884). She is planning – with further help from the officers involved in the programme – to embark upon a regular series of video logs, sharing

her illness had convinced her he was not coming to see her. Staff realised that they could film his visits and upload them to a computer, to provide the lady with reassurance that she was loved and supported by her family.

"Ultimately technology is just a means to an end," explained Cllr Bean. "Whether it is a letter from a loved one or an email is not really the point. The programme we have invested in is not really about technology, it is about people. We believe that just because you're born in 1910 like Grace, it doesn't mean you have to be left behind."

**"I've never used computers until now, I'm used to typewriters."**

people to knit a hat for bottles of Innocent drinks. She has already knitted 65 hats and has appeared in a YouTube film on the Innocent Facebook page.

Speaking of her use of technology she said: "It's not knitting, but it's good to learn. It can be a bit confusing at times, but I'm getting there. I sent my great niece a Skype message and she thought it was an imposter. She couldn't believe I was using a computer. That made me laugh."

Grace is also a dab hand with

her knowledge and opinions on a range of topics.

The programme is also beneficial because it helps people to keep in touch with family through the likes of Facebook and Skype, but for some people it can have an even greater impact.

When a lady with dementia moved into one of the borough's care homes she soon showed signs of upset, causing staff to become concerned. It turned out that even though her son visited regularly,

## More info

For more information about the work of the Council's Adult Social Care Team visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) and search 'adult social care'. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

## In brief

### Free flu vaccinations

NHS England and the North East London Local Pharmaceutical Committee have launched a new initiative which will see people at risk of complications from flu offered a free flu vaccination at local pharmacies. If you are over 65, have a weakened immune system, have asthma, are pregnant, have heart disease, have a serious health condition or are a carer you are eligible for a free vaccination. A total of 44 pharmacies in Waltham Forest are

taking part in the scheme, complementing the existing service provided by GP practices. Pharmacies that are participating in the scheme will display a poster in their windows. There is also a private service available for people who are not eligible for a free vaccination. It is recommended that you have a vaccination as soon as possible.

• For more information on seasonal flu and the flu vaccine visit [www.nhs.uk/flu](http://www.nhs.uk/flu) or phone 111.

### Games success for over 55s

A team from Waltham Forest were bronze medalists in the annual Better Club Games – a mini 'Olympics' for people aged 55 and over – held at Brixton Recreation Centre on Friday 18 October. The Waltham Forest athletes won a number of sections outright including table tennis. The event is run by Waltham Forest's leisure provider Better and aims to encourage older people to be more active and to highlight the social

and physical benefits that sporting activities can offer to people of all ages. Participants took part in nine sporting events including badminton, short tennis, swimming, timed cycle, dominoes, darts and bowls. A number of team GB athletes, including Olympic long jumper Jade Johnson, came along to support the participants and hand out the prizes.



Team Waltham Forest celebrate winning bronze at the Better Club Games

• For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) and search 'sports clubs' or visit [www.better.org.uk/walthamforest](http://www.better.org.uk/walthamforest). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough

# Capworth Court E10

**1 & 2 Bedroom apartments in the heart of Leyton, available through L&Q's Shared Ownership Scheme. Show home now open.**

**1 bedroom apartments from £185,000\***

**2 bedroom apartments from £215,000\***

\*Minimum share of 35%

**Book a viewing**

## 0844 406 8709

[www.lqgroup.org.uk/capworthcourt](http://www.lqgroup.org.uk/capworthcourt)

Industrial and Provident Society 30441R exempt charity. Details correct at time of going to print 10/13. Your home is at risk if you fail to keep up repayments on a mortgage, rent or other loan secured on it. Please make sure you can afford the repayments before you take out a mortgage.



## Public notice

### Highways

#### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

#### THE WALTHAM FOREST (SIDMOUTH PARK) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2013 – TT66

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 5th November 2013 it made an Order to enable maintenance repair works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in St. Mary's Road and Huxley Road, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in these roads.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in:
  - a) St. Mary's Road, (1) the north-west side, between Nos. 46 and 52 inclusive; (2) the south-east side, between Nos. 39 and 41 inclusive; and
  - b) Huxley Road, (1) the north-west side, between Nos. 26 and 30 inclusive; (2) the

south-east side, between Nos. 37 and 53 inclusive. N.B this includes the disabled persons parking place outside No. 26 Huxley Road.

3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.
4. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
  - (a) in connection with the said works; or
  - (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allows.
5. The Order will come into operation on 11th November 2013 and will be valid for a maximum period of 1 month or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

**Dated 11th November 2013**

**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

### More info

For more public notices see **pages 12 and 19.**

WALTHAM FOREST

**Get Together**

GET TOGETHER TO ENJOY ANOTHER  
BRILLIANT YEAR IN WALTHAM FOREST

**FREE  
EVENT  
NO TICKET  
REQUIRED**

# Diwali

**Celebration**

**Friday 22 November 2013**

Doors open 7pm – Show starts 7.30pm

**Join us and celebrate with music and dance**

Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Town Hall Complex  
Forest Road, E17 4JF

[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events-get-together](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events-get-together)

Facebook.com/walthamforestcouncil
 Follow us on twitter@LBWFEvents

# Set sail on an apprenticeship

- Council working hard to encourage apprenticeships in the borough
- Apprentices thriving with local businesses and Council contractors

**This year Waltham Forest Council has taken on over 40 apprentices for posts within the authority, and is also committed to finding jobs for young people with its contractors and other local businesses.**

The Council's Highways contractor, JB Riney, is just one example of a business that has provided apprenticeship opportunities for young people from Waltham Forest for a number of years.

James Coe, General Manager of JB Riney, told Waltham Forest News: "We recently took on Joel Cavanagh and Brandon Green. Both the lads are from Waltham Forest and are attending the Construction Industry Training Board College off Cathall Road in Leytonstone.

"As well as studying for an NVQ in Highway Maintenance, they are also receiving on-the-job training and work experience. Joel has been working in the borough on the Bakers Arms High Street improvement scheme and Brandon is currently working in our sign shop.

"Over the course of their apprenticeships they will both be working with different mentors as they gain experience within the different disciplines that are part and parcel of the job."

At a recent event at Waltham Forest Town Hall, Waltham Forest News also met a number of the apprentices the Council has taken on this year. Charlie Westover, Yasmin Boffa and Matt Gallagher have all been employed by the Council's Careers Service.

Charlie is at the end of his apprenticeship, but is staying on with the borough as an agency worker. "I've really enjoyed the work and it's given me great experience and a

good reference to draw upon," he said.

Yasmin is four months into her apprenticeship and says she wants to stay in the area of work. Matt has only just started his apprenticeship after joining the Council straight from college. He hopes the role will give him a good grounding and help expand his CV.

Cllr Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources, said: "We're committed to doing everything we can to get young people in search of

are simple, there's no bureaucracy involved, payments are made through us as the training provider and employers can spend the funds how they see fit," explained Cllr Rusling. "What's more, we offer a full advice service and free recruitment."

The Apprenticeship Grant for Employers of 16 to 24 year olds supports businesses to provide young people with an apprenticeship job opportunity. The grant is aimed at helping employers that have not been in a financial position to commit to

**The grant of £1,500 is open to all companies that employ fewer than 1,000 people and have not recruited an apprentice within the last 12 months.**

employment into apprenticeships as often as possible.

"The benefits that arise from being able to learn on-the-job while studying for qualifications and gaining invaluable work experience are obvious. However, apprenticeships don't just materialise out of nothing.

Excellent employers like JB Riney have to make a commitment to really invest in the young people they take on."

To that end the Council has also been looking further afield for employers who can help provide opportunities for apprenticeships within the borough and promoting the Apprenticeship Employer Grant to local businesses.

The grant of £1,500 is open to all companies that employ fewer than 1,000 people and have not recruited an apprentice within the last 12 months. Employers can access up to ten grants.

"The great thing about the Employer Grant is that the forms

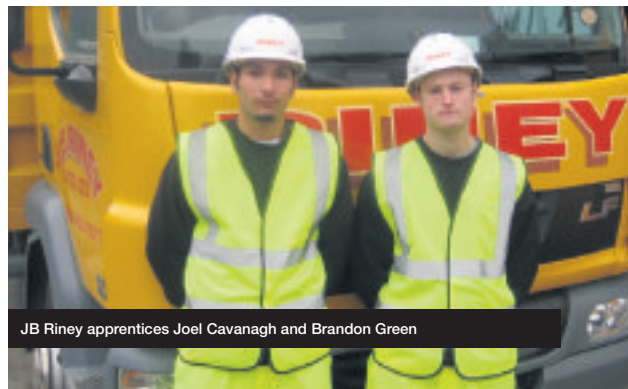
starting an apprentice within the last 12 months.

One local employer who took on an apprentice by accessing the grant is Let It Direct in Hoe Street, Walthamstow. Manager Lahrie Mohammed told Waltham Forest News: "I took Sophie on last year and she has been a great success. At the end of the apprenticeship I offered her a permanent post and now I have another young person doing work experience with a view to another apprenticeship if they prove successful too.

"I find apprentices come with a fresh approach to the job and can be molded to fit the role as we see it."

## More info

For more information about employment and training opportunities visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) and search 'jobs and training'. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



JB Riney apprentices Joel Cavanagh and Brandon Green



Waltham Forest Council apprentices Charlie Westover, Yasmin Boffa and Matt Gallagher



Sophie Knight

## Fact file

- Employers interested in the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers of 16 to 24 year olds should contact the Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service Apprenticeship Team on **020 8496 2976** or **020 8496 2029** or email [harpal.rull@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:harpal.rull@walthamforest.gov.uk)
- Employers taking part in the Apprenticeship Grant scheme will pay the apprentice at least the National Minimum Wage appropriate for the apprentice's age, including time for off the job training.
- Employers taking part in the Apprenticeship Grant scheme agree to employ the apprentice for at least the time it takes to complete their apprenticeship programme, or a minimum of 12 months, whichever is greater.
- Waltham Forest Council has over 40 apprentices.
- The Jobseeker's Allowance claimant count has fallen from over 9,500 in May 2013 to 8,458 in August 2013, already meeting the target set by the Council and Jobcentre Plus of a 12 per cent drop by March 2014.

# Adopt

## WE WANT YOU TO

# CREATE YOUR OWN CLOSE KNIT FAMILY

Waltham Forest Council is looking for people who want to adopt to provide loving homes for our children.

We are asking residents to get involved by creating their own close knit family. We would like to receive as many knitted dolls **before Friday 13 December 2013** so that we can give these dolls to local children in the borough.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Use the knitting pattern on the page opposite to create your dolls, you can choose to make either an adult or child doll. You can also download the pattern from [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt).

You may have your own knitting pattern that you would like to follow which is fine with us – families come in all shapes and sizes.

Send your knitted dolls to:

FREEPOST RRGL-ZXTL-GZXZ  
Close Knit Family  
Waltham Forest Strategy  
and Communications  
Waltham Forest Town Hall  
Forest Road  
Walthamstow  
E17 4JF



A little support may be all you need to create your own close knit family. Waltham Forest Adoption Service has many years of experience, and we'll be there for you every stitch of the way.

**Come along to an adoption open evening on:**

**Wednesday 20 November, 6.15pm, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF**

**Wednesday 18 December, 6.15pm, Leyton Youth Centre, Crawley Road, Leyton, E10 5PY**

**For advice and support on adoption, contact us:**



[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt)

# 020 8496 3000

The knitted characters featured all have loving families.



# KNITTING PATTERNS

These doll patterns are very simple. Don't worry if the doll isn't perfect. Hand knitting is fun and for everyone and each doll is unique, just like us.

## YOU WILL NEED:

### For the dolls:

- Knitting needles
- Wool (different colours)
- Stuffing
- Sewing needle and cotton (for the features)

### For clothes:

- Any scrap fabric
- Sewing needle and cotton

## To make an adult doll

Size 4 needles

1 ball double knitting wool in beige, brown or light brown depending on chosen skin colour.

### Head, body and legs

Starting at top of head

Cast on 5 sts

Row 1: [kfb] 5 times (10sts)

Row 2: p

Row 3: [kfb] 10 times (20sts)

Row 4: p

Row 5: [kfb, k1] repeat to the end of row (30sts)

Row 6: p

Stocking stitch for 16 rows

Row 23: [k1, k2tog] repeat to end of row (20sts)

Row 24: p

Row 25: k

Row 26: p

### Body

Row 27: [kfb] repeat in all sts (40sts)

Row 28: p

Stocking stitch for 26 rows

Row 55: [k2tog] repeat to the end of row (20sts)

### Legs

Row 56: p

Row 57: k10 turn

Row 58: p

Stocking stitch on these 10sts for 32 rows

### Feet

Row 91: k4, kfb, kfb, k4

Row 92: p

Row 93: k5, kfb, kfb, k5

Row 94: p

Row 95: k6, kfb, kfb, k6 (16sts)

Row 96: p2tog, p12, p2tog

Row 97: k2tog, k10, k2tog

Row 98: [p2tog] repeat to end

Thread yarn through remaining sts

Repeat on remaining 10sts for left leg

### Arms (x2)

Cast on 10sts

Stocking stitch for 32 rows

Row 33: [k2tog] repeat

Thread yarn through remaining sts

## To make a child doll

Size 4 needles

1 ball double knitting wool in beige, brown or light brown depending on chosen skin colour.

### Head, body and legs

Starting at top of head

Cast on 5 sts

Row 1: [kfb] 5 times (10sts)

Row 2: p

Row 3: [kfb] 10 times (20sts)

Row 4: p

Stocking stitch for 10 rows

Row 15: [k2tog, k1] rep to last 2sts, k2tog (13sts)

Row 16: p

Row 17: k

Row 18: p

### Body

Row 19: [kfb] rep in all sts (26sts)

Row 20: p

Stocking stitch for 20 rows

Row 41: [k2tog, k1] repeat to last 2sts, k2tog (17sts)

### Legs

Row 42: p

Row 43: k8, k2tog, k7

Row 44: p8, turn

Stocking stitch on these 8sts for 20 rows

### Feet

Row 65: k3, kfb, kfb, k3

Row 66: p

Row 67: k4, kfb, kfb, k4

Row 68: p2tog, p8, p2tog

Row 69: k2tog, k6, k2tog

Row 70: [p2tog] repeat to end

Thread yarn through remaining sts

Repeat on remaining 8sts for left leg

### Arms (x2)

Cast on 8sts

Stocking stitch for 24 rows

Row 25: [k2tog] repeat

Thread yarn through remaining sts

## MAKING UP YOUR DOLLS

### Facial features

- Sew little stitches for eyes.
- Just below this pinch a few stitches together and sew with a fine thread to create the nose.
- Embroider a little stitch for the mouth.

### Hair

- If you want your doll to have short hair, sew lots of little stitches to cover the back of the head.
- If you want long hair, wrap some wool round a book and tie it all together in the middle.
- Cut the hair on the underside of the book and sew the middle knotted section to the top of the head using the shaping as guidance to fit it in the middle.
- You can experiment with long and short hair.

### Body

- The head, body and legs are knitted all in one.
- Sew down the back of the body and head and fill with stuffing.
- Sew down the back of the legs to the tips of the toes.
- Fill with stuffing as you go as the legs are thin.

### Arms

- Sew up the arm seams, filling with stuffing as you go.
- Sew the arms on to the sides of the body.

### Clothes

- Keep the doll's clothes simple.
- You can wrap fabric around a doll's body and then cut and sew it together.
- Another option is to lay the doll on paper and draw round the body. Leave about 1cm gap round each side. Use this as the basic pattern for the clothes.
- Look at your own clothes for inspiration, and don't be scared to make mistakes.

## KNITTING TERMS

k – knit

p – purl

kfb – knit in the front and back of stitch (increases stitches)

k2tog – knit 2 together (decreases stitches)

p2tog – purl 2 together (decreases stitches)



Waltham Forest

# Halls for hire

- The Council offers rooms, halls and buildings for hire for private functions
- Why not choose Chingford Assembly Hall or Walthamstow Assembly Hall for your meeting, event, wedding or party?

**Anyone who has ever tried to book a venue for a special celebration will know that it can be an impossible exercise to find the perfect venue on the right date, and the problem is worse if the location is nowhere near home.**

But if you live or work in Waltham Forest there are a number of Council-managed venues for hire, whatever your event. Whether you're organising a small business meeting, a surprise birthday party or a wedding with hundreds of guests; there is something for every possibility.

Chingford Assembly Hall (Station Road, Chingford, E4 7EN) is ideal for dinner dances, concerts, exhibitions and weddings. In addition to the main hall there are also two conference rooms and

a lounge which are often used for coffee mornings, team meetings and community events.

The main hall is available to hire from Monday to Sunday between 9am and midnight for private functions and between 9am and 11pm for public functions. The minimum hire period for the main hall has recently been reduced from eight hours to four.

The venue offers a fully equipped catering kitchen, dressing rooms, cloakrooms, licensed bar, public address system, a grand piano and stage with lighting.

Car parking for approximately 25 vehicles, with limited spaces for blue badge holders, is available at Chingford Assembly Hall. Pay and display parking is available at the nearby Richmond Road car park. Charges, which range from 80p for

an hour to £6 to park all day, are payable between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Sunday.

The imposing art deco Walthamstow Assembly Hall (Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 4JF) is the largest venue available for hire in Waltham Forest. The Grade II listed building is carefully maintained and can help add a touch of nostalgia to any celebration.

Set in the Waltham Forest Town Hall complex, the hall is ideal for large conferences, weddings, dinner dances and other major events. Its superb acoustics make it one of London's top venues for live music and concerts.

The hall is available to hire from Monday to Sunday, 9am to 1am and can accommodate up to 450 guests for weddings and banquets and over 1,000 people at fully seated concerts and meetings.

The hall was used for a special celebratory lunch when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited as part of her Diamond Jubilee Tour in March 2012. So why not find out more about hiring a venue that's truly fit for a queen?

Walthamstow Assembly Hall boasts a large number of facilities including a catering kitchen, dressing rooms, cloakroom, stage and lighting, public address system, a baby grand piano, balcony and more.

Pay and display car parking facilities are available at Walthamstow Assembly Hall. Charges, which range from £1.30 for an hour to £6.50 for more than four hours, are payable between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Parking is free of charge on evenings, weekends and bank holidays.

There is currently a 10 per cent discount on the cost of hiring Chingford Assembly Hall and Walthamstow Assembly Hall. The offer runs from now until Monday 31 March 2014.



Residents show off their fancy footwork at a tea dance at Chingford Assembly Hall



Walthamstow Assembly Hall looking resplendent for a special award ceremony



The magnificent Grade II listed Walthamstow Assembly Hall

## More info

For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) and search 'halls for hire', email [AssemblyHall.Bookings@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:AssemblyHall.Bookings@walthamforest.gov.uk) or phone 020 8496 3000.

## Fact file

- The Council is offering a 10 per cent discount on the cost of hiring Chingford Assembly Hall and Walthamstow Assembly Hall. The offer runs from now until Monday 31 March 2014.
- Walthamstow Assembly Hall was used for a special celebratory lunch when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II visited as part of her Diamond Jubilee Tour in 2012.
- Chingford Assembly Hall is available to hire from 9am to midnight, Monday to Sunday.
- Walthamstow Assembly Hall is available to hire from 9am to 1am, Monday to Sunday.
- Both halls can be used for conferences, weddings, concerts, dinner dances, meetings and much more.



Walthamstow Assembly Hall decorated for a special event

## Notices

### ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE 3 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

#### AS AMENDED BY SECTION 27 OF THE POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009 TO INCLUDE SEXUAL ENTERTAINMENT VENUES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 24th October 2013 in accordance with Section 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, the London Borough of Waltham Forest resolved to adopt Schedule 3 of that Act, as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009. The adoption of Schedule 3 will become operative on 1st January 2014. The general effect of adopting the above legislation is to provide the London Borough of Waltham Forest with additional powers to regulate sexual entertainment venues, as well as affording better control over the establishment of such premises in the Borough. The new powers allow the Council to consider applications based on wider concerns than those currently permitted.

#### Statutory Notice

#### Proposals to extend the age range of Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School (to 4-11 years) and to discontinue Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Junior School

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the federated Governing Body of Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School and Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Junior School intend to make a prescribed alteration to Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School (Voluntary Controlled), King's Road, London, E4 7EY from 01 April 2014.

Notice is given in accordance with section 15(2) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the federated Governing Body of Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School and Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Junior School intend to discontinue Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Junior School (Voluntary Controlled), Cambridge Road, London, E4 7BP on 31 March 2014.

The proposals are for Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School to extend the age range to 4-11 years and to discontinue Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Junior School. These proposals are linked.

All statutory consultation requirements relating to these proposals have been complied with.

Pupils would transfer to the roll of Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School. Transport arrangements are not necessary as the pupils will remain on their current sites and Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School and Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Junior School are on sites within easy walking distance from one another. The current capacity of Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Infants' School is 162 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The current admission number for the school is

60 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposals. Copies of the complete proposals can be obtained from:

Katherine Coggles, Planning and Research Officer

Education Improvement

London Borough of Waltham Forest

1a Harvey Road

London E11 3DB

Web: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/

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Email: Katherine.Coggles@walthamforest.gov.uk

Tel: 020 8496 8250

**Within six weeks** from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposals by sending them to: Katherine Coggles, Planning and Research Officer

Education Improvement

London Borough of Waltham Forest

1a Harvey Road

London E11 3DB

Signed: David Dooks

Chair of Governors, Federated Governing

Body of Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled

Infants' School and Chingford CoFE Voluntary

Controlled Junior School

Publication Date: 11 November 2013

Note: the amalgamated school will be called Chingford CoFE Voluntary Controlled Primary School.

## Highways

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

#### CASHLESS PARKING OPERATION OFF-STREET CAR PARKS

#### The Waltham Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) (Amendment No. \*) Traffic Order 2013

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Order under sections 35 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended. 2. The general effect of the Order would be to introduce cashless payments for parking, via telephone and electronic methods, into the following car parks:

- Bedford Rd E17
- Brandon Rd E17
- Church Lane E11
- Hall Lane E4
- High Street E17
- Linford Rd E17
- Mission Grove E17
- Richmond Rd E4,
- South Grove E17
- Stanley Rd E10

N.B. Payments via cash will also still be available.

3. Copies of the Order and the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Order is made or the Council decides not to make the Order, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London

Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Order or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference T52, by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders – T52.

**Dated 11th November 2013**

**Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

#### THE WALTHAM FOREST (SOUTH LEYTON REGENERATION) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2013

#### TT69 NUTFIELD ROAD, ETCHINGHAM ROAD AND CRANBOURNE ROAD

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 5th November 2013 it made an Order to enable carriageway construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in Nutfield Road, Etchingham Road and Cranbourne Road, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit traffic (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in these roads.

1. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in:

- Nutfield Road, between its junction with High Road Leyton and a point 15 metres west of that junction;
- Etchingham Road, between its junction with High Road Leyton and a point 15 metres west of that junction; and
- Cranbourne Road, between its junction with High Road Leyton and a point 15 metres west of that junction.

2. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.

3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.

4. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

- in connection with the said works; or
- for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allows.

5. The Order will come into operation on 12th November 2013 and will be valid for a maximum period of 1 month or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

**Dated 11th November 2013**

**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)

#### THE WALTHAM FOREST (SUTHERLAND ROAD) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 2) ORDER 2013 – TT70

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends to make an Order to enable construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in Sutherland Road, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in this road.

2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose at any time in Sutherland Road, the south side, between a point 3.8 metres west of the eastern wall of No. 37 Sutherland Road westward for a distance of 30 metres.

3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.

4. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

- in connection with the said works; or
- for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.

5. The Order would come into operation on 25th November 2013 and would be valid for a maximum period of 14 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

**Dated 11th November 2013**

**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23

#### HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTION 90C FOREST ROAD CORRIDOR SCHEME

#### PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF TRAFFIC CALMING, 20MPH ZONE, RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE AND FOOTWAY PARKING BAYS

#### The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. \*) Order 2013

#### The Waltham Forest (20mph Speed Limit) (No. \*) Traffic Order 2013

#### The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes) (Amendment No. \*) Traffic Order 2013

#### The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Short Stay) (Amendment No. \*) Order 2013

#### The Waltham Forest (Coach Parking Places) (Amendment No. \*) Order 2013

#### 1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:

- introduce a 20 mph zone in Forest Road from No. 527 Forest Road to No. 593 Forest Road;
- introduce a Restricted Parking Zone in Forest Road, between 8 metres east of

Jewel Road to 5 metres west of Bedford Road;

(c) provide footway parking places in Forest Road, (1) on the north side outside Nos. 579 to 587 Forest Road; (2) on the south side, outside (a) Nos. 436 to 444 and (b) Nos.

446 to 456a. These parking places would operate on Mondays to Saturdays between 8am to 6.30pm with 30 minutes free max stay with no return within 2 hours;

(d) provide a footway coach parking place in Forest Road on the south side, outside No. 458 Forest Road, which would operate Mondays to Sundays between 8am to 6.30pm;

(e) provide double yellow line "at any time" waiting restrictions in:

(i) Forest Road, between Bromley Road and Pearl Road, in that area of Forest Road not occupied by parking places or zebra crossings and not included within the restricted parking zone;

(ii) Badlis Road, Bedford Road, Bromley Road, Gaywood Road, Hawthorne Road, Jewel Road, Pearl Road, Ruby Road and Winns Terrace at their respective junctions with Forest Road;

(f) provide contra-flow cycling provisions in Badlis Road, Bedford Road, Bromley Road, Gaywood Road, Hawthorne Road, Jewel Road, Pearl Road, Ruby Road and Winns Terrace.

3. **FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council, in accordance with Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, proposes to introduce into Forest Road:

(a) entry treatments at its junctions with Badlis Road, Bedford Road, Bromley Road, Hawthorne Road, Pearl Road and Ruby Road, which would be elevated sections extending across the full width of the carriageway and measuring 7 metres in length south-eastward from the junction;

(b) junction speed tables located (1) outside Lloyd Park Lodge, Forest Road, measuring 32.5 metres in length; and (2) outside No. 422 Forest Road measuring 34 metres in length. The speed tables would be elevated sections of carriageway, between 75 and 100 millimetres higher at their highest point than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway.

4. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b) The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS quoting reference T54 by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference Traffic Orders – T54

**Dated 11th November 2013**

**Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

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